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SUBJECT: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON DRAFT
DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS, MARCH 13-20

1. DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT MEETING.
PERM DEL REQUESTED TO CONVEY THIS INFORMATION, AS WELL AS
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COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION AND OUR INTENTION TO URGE ISRAELIS
TO FOLLOW SUIT, TO ADG NAJMAN, OTHER MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT,
AS APPROPRIATE (E.G. VASAK), MEMBERS OF INFORMATION GROUP,
AND OTHER ESPECIALLY CONCERNED PERM REPS, PARTICULARLY
ISRAELI.

2. FYI: U.S. PARTICIPATION APPROVED ON CONDITION THAT IF,

CONTRARY TO OUR EXPECTATIONS, EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INJECT REFERENCES, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, TO RESOLUTION 3379, AND THEY APPEAR TO HAVE GREATER SUPPORT THAN WE ANTICIPATE, THE DEPT. WILL BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL DECIDE UPON THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF OUR DELEGATION, EITHER TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY. AMPLIFICATION OF THIS BASIC INSTRUCTION TO DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. END FYI.

3. DELEGATION COMPRISES FOLLOWING: AMBASSADOR TORRES (HEAD OF DELEGATION); ANDRE SURENA (ALTERN TE), LEGAL

ADVISER, U.S. MISSION, BERLIN; PROFESSOR LOUIS B. HENKIN, COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL; PROFESSOR SETSUKO MATSUNAGA NISHI, SOCIOLOGY DEPT., BROOKLYN COLLEGE; RONALD H. BROWN, NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE; AND DOROTHY HEIGHT, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN.

4. DEPT. APPRECIATES OFFER BY WEO'S TO SUPPORT AMBASSADOR TORRES' ELECTION AS ONE OF TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCE. OFFER SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IF PERM DEL BELIEVES THAT, ON BALANCE, TORRES' PRESENCE ON BUREAU WOULD BE LIKELY TO INCREASE HIS INFLUENCE OVER KEY ISSUES.

5. FOR TEL AVIV: EMBASSY REQUESTED URGENTLY INFORM GOI, AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL, OF OUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE
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IN MEETING AND URGE ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE ALSO, WITH STRONG DELEGATION SUCH AS U. S. IS FIELDING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THEIR DELEGATION TO INSURE THAT NO REFERENCE TO ZIONISM/RACISM, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, IS ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE. WE OF COURSE FULLY SHARE -- AND APPRECIATE -- DETERMINATION OF DG M'BOW AND AFRICAN CAUCUS THAT NO SUCH INITIATIVE SHALL SUCCEED. IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD BY OTHER MEMBERS THAT ANY SUCH EFFORTS TO POLITICIZE THIS MEETING WILL HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

6. PLEASE INFORM DEPT. ASAP OF GOI REACTION TO ABOVE REPRESENTATION. VANCE

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